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A Brave Judge.

Circuit Court is in session at Vicksburg with Judge George Anderson on the bench. On the first day of the court he charged the grand jury with special reference to the violation of the Sunday law on the part of the saloons. It is notorious that the saloon men of Vicksburg, or in most other towns where that barbarous institution is tolerated, have no regard for law and order. They have gone on so long at this iniquitous business until they seem to think that courts and juries could not call them to justice.

Something like a year ago, they came before the same Judge Anderson's court and promised good behavior; but as is their custom, they soon forgot this promise and went back to their old habit of keeping open house on Sunday contrary to the laws of the State of Mississippi.

And last week when the grand jury brought in its report and had failed to indict these old violators of the law, he "fired" ten of them and has their places filled with new men who would, it is hoped, have some regard to their oath, and drag their men who defy the law to justice.

The action of the saloon men of Vicksburg would be repeated in every town in the State were it not for prohibition. No doubt the defiant attitude of these Vicksburg saloon men toward the courts will have a fine effect upon the legislature when it convenes and the question of constitutional amendment is before them. The saloon is a curse and that continually and "away with it from the face of the earth" should be our battle cry until it has gone.

The Nature and Functions of a Church.

The Baptist of October 15 quotes Rev. Hicks M. Ellis as saying in the Nashville Christian Advocate that "It is no discredit to a church that there are unsaved persons among its members. Indeed, it is very much to be desired that these shall seek its association, its guidance, its loving help, and the church is to be congratulated where such is the case."

This plea for mixed membership in the churches emphasizes the importance Baptists inform themselves and impress upon others the fundamental difference between Baptists and all others. I shall put into this paper the substance of what I said several years ago.

The central point of controversy is concerning the nature and functions of a church. There are only two opposite ideas. Out of these all other differences grow.

One conceives of a church as occupying a

mediating position between men and God, connection with which by baptism is either essential or helpful to salvation. Ministers are priests, and the ordinances are sacraments, conferring or conveying salvation. One must be in the channel to secure the blessings of the flowing fountain. The church is an abstract personality, spoken of as though existing apart from the individuals who compose it, standing to men in the same relation which a mother sustains to her children, giving birth to them, educating and nourishing them by her ordinances, and training them with her discipline. This is the Roman Catholic idea; and its deepest shade is seen in that organization. Lighter shades appear in other bodies, which make the ordinances signs and seals of the Holy Spirit's work, channels of grace, in which salvation, to say the least, is more probable.

The opposite idea is that a New Testament church is a society of believers in Christ. This is the Baptist theory. Persons are baptized and become members, because they believe in Christ, and have received his pardoning grace, and not in order that they may believe him and receive the remission of sins; because they are Christians and not that they may become such. Christians make the churches; churches do not make Christians by the mysterious communication of mystic grace through the ordinances. The office of preacher is prophetic and not sacerdotal. Jesus stands before his churches and all ordinances. Men do not come to him through them, but unto them through him. Ministers are not priests, but only pastors of churches, and preachers of the Word. No priestly acts are performed by them, and no priestly functions are ascribed unto them. The ordinances are not sacraments, in the ecclesiastical use of that term, they are neither fountains nor channels of grace, but expressive symbols of the life-sustaining work of the Holy Spirit.

It is easy to see how this difference of conception as to the nature and functions of a church leads to difference of opinion as to the character of its membership.

If the church is a mediating agency; if it is the external means of uniting souls with Christ; if connection with it by means of baptism is either essential to salvation, or places one in a salvable condition, so that this salvation is more probable; if the minister is the church's priest and not simply her teacher, and preacher to the world—then it would seem that it ought to be composed not only of believing parents and their unbelieving children, but that every person, however impious his character and wicked his life, ought to be put into this channel of sacramental grace.

It is a historic fact, that this idea concerning the nature and functions of a church, this belief in baptismal salvation, or of baptismal salvability, is the ground and pillar of infant baptism and of mixed membership in the churches.

The Baptist idea is that the apostolic churches were composed only of those who avowed their acceptance of Christ as personal Savior and Lord; and that there is neither precept for, example of, nor allusion to infant baptism or mixed membership in the New Testament. To put the church before hearing and receiving the gospel, before regeneration, before faith, is in direct contravention of God's method of salvation by grace through faith. The Lord adds to the church—Acts 2:47; the church does not add to the Lord.

H. F. S.

"Gambling and Progressive Euchre."

"The church is making a great fight against gambling. I approve of the fight. But the church has tied her own hands by tolerating progressive euchre. I hear the most scathing denunciations against gambling, and gambling places, but what about progressive euchre? Who has commenced any crusade against that? Where is the minister who thunders against it in his pulpit, and rallies his people against it? Churches will discipline one of their members for going to pool rooms, but where is the church that will discipline for going to, and having progressive euchre? I am met with the reply that progressive euchre is not gambling. The world laughs at such logic, and despiseth the church member that will use it. Here is the pool room, around the table are four men, the prize of one thousand dollars is upon the table, the cards are shuffled, the game is played, and the winner takes the thousand dollars. Here is gambling. Here is a parlor, around the table are four persons, a ladies' toilet set lies on the table as the prize, the cards are shuffled, the game is played, and the winner takes the prize. Where is the difference? If one is gambling is not the other? Is not the principle the same? No logic on earth can make one gambling and the other not. The only difference, the one is in the pool room and the other in the parlor. I am for neither, but if I am to be for one or the other, I would rather be in the pool room, and stand the chance of getting the thousand dollars. The fact that one is played in the parlor is the more dangerous, because it is the more insidious, and prepares the way for the pool room. Brethren, the gun of the church against gambling is spiked, so long as it tolerates progressive euchre. The world will laugh at and despise your opposition. Consistency is not only a jewel to shine, but it is strength to oppose."—W. H. Felix, in Recorder.

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The Christmas Tide.

It runs high now. Of course there is nobody nowadays who thinks that what is commonly called "Christmas" has anything to do with the birth of Christ, for it is quite absurd to suppose that He was born on the 25th day of December. The day of His birth is not known, for the reason that it is a matter of no religious importance to humanity, else something would have been said about it.

And yet, Christmas is with us to stay. It has a way of coming around once a year, at what we call the close of the year. It is a good time to adjust one's relation to things. Men and women can't work all the time. There must be a time of relaxation and rest. Christmas is a good time to do this. Most of us are selfish to our very bones, and the habit of making gifts to our friends, along about this time of the year, is a splendid means of developing the spirit of noble generosity. While many of the gifts are very worthless, in themselves, yet they do serve to recall the former days, and strengthen the tie that binds our social natures together.

There is great power in even a very small gift. We will never live long enough we hope to forget the little presents received from the old folks at home, in the long ago. The night of "Christmas eve" was the greatest night in all the year. We went to bed early, after hanging in the chimney corner, right by our "trundle bed," mother's biggest and best stocking, one that would hold something. Rising early the next morning and finding it struttin' with toys, fruits, nuts and such other things as boys liked, was the grandest experience of childhood's days. We knew that mother loved us, and it only strengthened that love to know that she was after all the only Santa Claus in the earth. He learned the art of gift-making from God, "the giver of every good and perfect gift to men." Those simple presents have not lost their power over life yet. Although today, he who recalls

them is mounting rapidly up towards the hilltop of his earthly career, and those who gave them are with our Lord in glory, the tears will come into his eyes, and his heart does beat a little faster, and the promise to make the most of life possible adds its strength to even the penning of these lines.

Yes, Christmas is a good thing and comes along at about the right time, but like many other good things, it is fearfully abused, by many, a very great many people. There will be many noble souls that plunge into the gaieties and frivolities of the season who will be lost to the world for good. They will start on the road to ruin and never stop until they reach its end. Already the order has been sent for the Christmas "jug" in many cases. And some noble fellows will drink themselves drunk and in some cases even do murder before they know it. Already the dance has been arranged for, where some beautiful girl will fall into the hands of some lecherous beast, and be lost to mother and home forever. The final arrangements have been made for the card party, where many a gambler will be made out of the noble youth of our land. Some people who have their names on the church books will order these "jugs" and give these parties, but that only makes the matter worse, and not right. Shame on such church people! God forbid that any reader of these lines should be guilty of such an indiscretion, to say the least, during these holidays.

Speaking of presents, we know of only a very few that you could give that would be more profitable to the individual receiving it, and to the cause of humanity at large, than to present your friend or loved one, with a year's subscription to some good religious paper—and if you are a Baptist, and live in the State of Mississippi, this paper, THE BAPTIST, is the best paper in the world to give on such an occasion. If it should be too late to do this, for Christmas, it is not too late to do it for the new year. We had a deacon once who made us such a present and we have always thought more of him since, although we esteemed him very highly before. Do it and make the very best use of your Christmas money possible. It will do us all good. Try it anyhow.

A Good Bill.

We subjoin a bill which has just been introduced in the United States Congress, by Congressman B. G. Humphries, of the Third District. The text is very brief, but very important. While it is pending before the Congress, let earnest prayer be made by all Christian people for its passage. It would strengthen practical prohibition very much:

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That no collector of internal revenue, or his deputy, employe, or assistant, shall issue to any person or firm any stamp or stamps indicating the payment by such person or firm of the internal revenue tax imposed by law on retail dealers in liquors and retail deal-

ers in malt liquors until the person or firm offering to pay such tax shall furnish the collector satisfactory evidence that the sale by retail of vinous, alcoholic or spirituous liquors, or of malt liquors, as the case may be, is not forbidden by the laws of the State or of the municipality where said business is to be carried on, or that a license has been issued to such person or firm by the lawful authorities of the State or municipality, if the business is to be carried on in a place where a license is required by the laws of the State or municipality."

Secretary Hunt.

At the Savannah meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Home Mission Board, the Foreign Mission Board, and the Sunday School Board were authorized, to secure one man who would represent them all west of the Mississippi river. Acting upon the authority of the Convention the three Boards have selected Rev. H. P. Hunt, of Kansas City, and he accepts the work.

This is an experiment, and if it succeeds, that is to say, if one man can do the work of the three Boards west of the great river, it stands to reason that two men could do the work east of the river, and so give us one secretary less than we have now.

Secretary Hunt's work will be watched with great interest to see whether or not he can do the work of three men.

Notes and Comments.

A pleasant Christmas time to all the people.

Don't waste your time and money in foolish and wicked dissipation.

That is right brother, wash your hands of the whole "trottin' 'em down the pike" business. It is a shamefully disgraceful practice; so much so that it is a wonder how so many decent people fell in with it.

"Paul the aged." Grand old man! He was not ashamed of his stooped shoulders, nor his slow and feeble steps. He had grown old and feeble in honorable service, and held it as his chief distinction, that he could still engage in the blessed service. God help us all to grow old, not gracefully so much as faithfully.

Don't forget your pastor; remember him along with the rest. If you can't give him a turkey, ask him and his over to help you eat yours.

If you will pay that little balance on pastor's salary, it will enable him to pay off all his debts, and get a turkey of his own it may be. Try it and see anyhow. It is your duty to do so.

Pastor Price of the Second Church, Jackson, has finished up a series of "Christmas sermons" in order as follows: The Elect and their Election; The Use and Abuse of the Lord's Supper; The Duty and Beauty of Baptism; The True Infant Baptism. He has

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put in a good deal of time upon these subjects and has been able to state the old truths very simply, and hopes to give our readers the gist of his work in these old mines sometime in the future.

Tupelo had good services at both hours on the 13th. Three received by letter. Had forty-five additions during the year. Bro. J. J. W. Mathis preached for them at night. The Ladies Aid Society remembered the pastor's family on Thanksgiving day with a big box of groceries and a fat turkey. It is good to be treated so.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Lillian Peters, of Lynchburg, Va., and Dr. Richard Henry Hudnall, on Wednesday afternoon, December 30th, at 3 o'clock, at First Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Va. Dr. Hudnall is a Missippian and a Mississippi College man and is now professor in the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Blacksburg, Va. Good wishes.

Prof. Bassett of the Trinity College, North Carolina, said that Booker Washington, next to Gen. Robt. E. Lee, was the greatest man the South had produced.

But he came very nearly losing his chair for it. Every man has his notion about such things of course. If the Professor had said that Booker Washington was the greatest negro the South had produced, it might have been more in keeping with the propriety of things, and the truth also, which a man should not lose sight of even in these.

There are 1,534 men and 52 women in the penitentiary in Columbus, O.; 86 are in for life, 8 are in the death cell awaiting death by electrocution. The city prison is quite full. I preached yesterday to these unfortunate sinners, and last night in the mission. We had two conversions, both gave good evidences of being saved. In the midst of death there is life if we come to Jesus. Whisky is filling our prisons and debauching many not yet in prison, and laying a useless burden on both church and State. We are compelled to care for many who would be able to care for themselves if whisky was removed. God help every voter to vote against whisky. Let us remove the cause and then both church and State can run on one-half the expense. Brother, help! help! If we did not support the saloon, we would not have to support one-half so many criminals.—Frank M. Wells.

Was That a Crime?

When I was a boy my only objection to pie was the fact that part of it was crust. That is my objection to Dr. Hatcher's splendid and timely article "Trottin' 'em Down The Pike." I like the caustic way in which he touches up the trial sermon. It is, I suppose, the natural, but deplorable; outgrowth of our system or rather lack of system, and I guess I am only one of many thousands who have wondered if the time would ever come when our preachers

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would be relieved from that sort of humiliation. I believe Dr. Hatcher's solution is the correct, and possibly the only one.—If you need a pastor, and have a man in mind whom you wish to put on trial, send a committee of one or more to hear him preach, and investigate his work while he "aint lookin'."

But, I started out to tell a story, not to discuss the article. Of course, every man is a meddler (or a peddler) who dares suggest to a pastorless Church the name of some preacher whom he thinks perhaps they would like to investigate if they knew of him. He may be a man who travels much, attends services in many localities, and always keeps his eye on the preachers to see that they behave themselves (and don't catch him in any mischief.) He may be just an ordinary every-day layman, whose profession, or business, carries him into many States, or many localities, and gives opportunity to observe, in person, the work of many preachers, but if he don't keep his mouth shut he's a meddler and ought to be gagged. Oh, I get so furious when I think about him that I want to pound his head with a cobble-stone.

But, I forgot, I want to tell a story.

The men on the committee who are making the still hunt for a pastor may be business people who stay at home and attend to their own affairs, as some fellows will do in spite of their raising. They may belong to that curious class of folks who have fooled away their time in the past, helping their own pastor with their purses and prayers and making no noise about it, instead of gadding about 'the country' to see what folks are doing. Some men will do that way you know. There may be a man at Pulltigh or Barbara City who would suit them exactly, and Mr. Meddler may feel sure of that, but if he has the hardihood to mention it. I believe every man on the committee ought to get a thirteen-inch gua and go after him.

But I started to tell a story. So here goes: Once upon a time in a good Mississippi town there was a flock which had no shepherd. The sheep were wandering around over the commons and some of them were getting full of burs. Some of them needed food, some needed shearing, and some were running with a gang of goats and eating shavings in the back yard. Happening to meet the bell wether in the lane, I pointed him to a shepherd. The shepherd heard his bleating and came forthwith. For many moons he has attended that flock. He has fed the sheep, combed out the burs, brought back the gang that was running with the goats, and fixed up all the fences real good!

Brethren, please forgive me if I did wrong. The shepherd lived in another State and I had the hardihood to point him out. It is terrible, but honestly I did not realize how unpretty I was doing. Brother Bailey, do you really think it was a crime? [No, Ed.] Wire me if you think best, so I can go and bump my head against a lamp post.

Yours in shame and humiliation and a few more things like that.

BOOTH LOWREY.

Notice.

The 8th Congressional District will be entitled to a cadet at the Naval Academy at Annapolis whose examination for entrance into the Academy will take place next spring. A competitive examination will be held at Jackson, Mississippi on the 28th of December and the 29th of December 1903. The first day's examination will be conducted by Drs. Todd and Hunter and Catchings, of Hinds County. Any applicant failing to pass the physical examination will not be admitted to the mental examination, which will take place on the next day, to wit, the 29th of December. The mental examination will be conducted by Professors of the white high schools of Canton, Brandon, Vicksburg, Jackson and Yazoo City.

Applicants must be between the ages of fifteen and twenty-one at the time of entrance to the Academy. The young gentleman who shall have passed the physical examination and who at the mental examination shall have obtained the highest general average will be appointed by me as Cadet. The one obtaining the next highest mark will be appointed Alternate. I give notice thus far in advance so that the young gentlemen having an idea of entering the Academy may be studying and equipping themselves for the examination. Prior to that I can send leaflets containing information about the general character of the examination to would-be applicants who will write and ask me to send them.

JOHN SHARP WILLIAMS.

Strayhorn.

Our paper is a most welcome visitor to our home once a week, and I assure you it is most welcome, and beyond this, it is instructive, and I join Bro. Farish in saying "Every first class Baptist reads THE BAPTIST."

As I see nothing from our part of the Lord's vineyard, I hope you will permit a poor scribe to join in scribbling—Selah. I must write as I think, and as things present themselves to my mind.

The first thing is that \$1,500.00 Mission money our association said it would raise this year. Bro. Editor, this is the Coldwater Association. So now I speak to the churches of the aforesaid body, about one-sixth of the time is in the past and now is the best time to press this part of the Master's work. Our farmer's are getting good prices for their cotton, and it will be so good, if when we meet at Senatobia in October, 1904 the letters will show not only \$1,500.00 raised but even more. I think we would all feel like the sweet-singer-of-old when he said "Bless the Lord O my soul, and all that is within me, praise His holy name." Suppose we have at Longtown church the fifth Sunday in January 1904, a missionary rally; what do you say, Bro. Bunyard? Our fifth Sunday meeting is to be with this Church in January, now, as said in the beginning of my writing, I must write as I think, and for fear of the W. B., will say the last thought I pen is, I think a missionary rally a good supplement to our regular program. What do you say, Brother?

In hope,

J. L. FERGUSON.

P. S.—Will write again if you will let me.

The Equipment of a Modern Minister.

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SEMINARY.

In the equipment of the modern minister four things are essential:

The first is that we must *moralize our theology*. The ethical passion of our time is one of its finest qualities. Theology has not always recognized its necessary and vital relations to the production of character, and hence the ethical and theological movements have become divorced in the thought of many, and often in practice as well. I can illustrate best by concrete examples. The comment has been recently made on a certain great American city that its morality is strenuous in insistence upon Sabbath observance and church attendance, while sadly negligent of the many forms of vice and civic corruption which abound. Ruskin, looking about him in England, said: "I am weary of the religion of the organ and the aisle, of the twilight revival and the vesper service, gas-lighted and gas-inspired Christianity." In a certain ministers' conference a paper was read advocating salvation by character, and attacking vigorously the doctrine of justification by faith. The next Monday morning was read by a man of another school of thought, advocating justification by faith and attacking the idea of salvation by character. The first writer ignored theology. The latter ignored ethics, and from some things he said an uninformed outsider might have inferred that moral character was at a discount with the Lord.

Another important need in the equipment of the modern minister is that he should learn to distinguish more carefully between apologetics and dogmatics. The task of the defender of the faith is to maintain his position according to the permanent, valid intellectual standards of the age in which he lives. He must show that scientific or philosophic truth, where it is true, and not merely surmise or speculation, is at no point and in no way in conflict with religious or theological truth. But when this has been done one has not by any means put together in a constructive way the doctrines of the faith. The latter is the task of systematic theology. At this point arises a great danger. The defender of the faith may be so successful that the apologetic standpoint will be adopted in the constructive process of systematizing the truths of religion. When this occurs the inevitable result is that the doctrines are all developed, not from some great constructive inner principle, but are economized and adapted to an external and passing apologetic need. This is precisely what is going on in a large part of the theological world today. Ritschlianism is the representative type of this tendency. In its home in Germany it has doubtless been useful in repelling certain forms of unbelief. With its peculiar theory of religious knowledge, its value-judgments and its identification in spirit with modern scientific method, it has proven itself attractive to many minds. But when

it forsakes the role of apology and attempts to serve its generation in the room of dogmatics its shortcomings soon exhibit themselves. And yet theology today, in this matter, is in danger of repeating a historic mistake. Butler, in his famous *Analogy*, set the pace for defending Christianity against current unbelief in so thorough-going a manner that the pulpit of the day adopted his point of view and method. Lacking in motive and vital power, that pulpit lost its grip on the people, and an apologetic triumph was succeeded by a period of exceptional barrenness and decline. Shall this generation repeat that fatal mistake? Shall Christianity throw away its sword, and go forth to aggressive warfare with its shield alone?

Again, in the proper equipment of the modern minister, we must learn to unite the scientific with the evangelical spirit. The spirit of modern science at its best is docility in the presence of truth, openness of mind, willingness to learn from any source. It is characterized by patience in investigation, scrupulous accuracy of statement, and a willingness to leave all unverified propositions open for further light. The evangelical spirit, on the other hand, that of the true preacher of the Gospel, is marked by clearness of view, positiveness and conviction in utterance, eager, aggressive, commanding earnestness, whether this be quiet or demonstrative in manifestation. Nothing less ever makes a powerful preacher. He must be a man with a message, who knows that message and who believes it of supreme importance to his hearers that they know it and heed it. As a matter of psychology and of the laws of mental action, to say nothing of moral and spiritual power, nothing less ever did or ever can make a man highly successful in the pulpit.

Now, I believe there is no conflict between the old attitudes; between the spirit which knows and that which is teachable; between the spirit of the investigator and that of the apostle. I fear, however, that there are many ministers who have not succeeded in reconciling the two in their own mind, and remain in a state of suspended judgment on so many vital matters that their message has ceased to impress men. To accomplish this union there must be some very patient and earnest thinking. We must distinguish clearly the limits between what we know and what we do not know. We must learn to appreciate and hold clearly in mind the differences between the spheres of natural science and religion. Each believes firmly in verification; each adopts the experimental method; each builds its structure upon verified facts alone. The difference is that one pursues these ends with material and the other with spiritual instruments. One stands on the level and gazes downward into nature that he may discern the outlines of the city coming up from below, whose foundations and walls are of matter, and whose construction proceeds under the law of physical causation and natural force; the other stands upon an elevation and looks upward to the city com-

ing down from above whose walls are Jasper, whose gates are pearl, and whose streets are gold, and wherein dwelleth righteousness. The city of nature from below is God's city, as well as the city from above. Let the preacher believe with all his heart in both, but above all let him cultivate a personal religious life, which shall keep alive in his own spirit the eternal verities of the Christian faith, which shall never permit him to waver in his belief in the autonomy and sufficiency of religion in its own sphere, and in its permanent and satisfying power over the hearts of men. In this posture of mind he will fulfill two of the necessary conditions of the highest ministerial efficiency. That is to say; he will have capacity for growth, and at the same time he will be a man with a message.

Once more, note as a necessary element in the equipment of the modern minister that he shall have a practical knowledge of society as organically constituted. I do not mean that the preacher should be sunk in the sociologist, though sociology will aid him much in his work. I refer to that practical skill in making the Gospel effective in the life with which he has to deal, in society as it exists at his door. For example, the family life of today ought to be enlisted by the ministry for its ends far more successfully than is ordinarily done. The modern ideals in the training of children do not lend themselves so readily as in former generations to the objects of the pastor and the church.

Then, too, what an element of power in the pastor who has influence with the men of his congregation. How shall he compass this desirable end in such an age of rushing business as is ours? Perhaps most important of all is the development of tact and skill in dealing with children. Where will you find that thorough mastery of the problems of the Sunday School, and of religious education, the need of which is being increasingly felt? Somehow we must master this problem of religious education, else our Christianity will fail from lack of foundation. Evangelism alone will bring increase in numbers, but it will not make a conquering church. For my part, I believe in the strategic value of childhood for the preacher and his work.

The preacher should make as careful and painstaking a study of the community in which he lives, in its actual concrete elements, as he ever made of any text-book. A very successful pastor once remarked to me: "The first thing I do when I begin work in a field is to gather the data necessary to an understanding of my work, and I study the life of each family as earnestly as any schoolboy ever worked over his lesson in arithmetic." After all, the final test of the minister is utilitarian on a spiritual plane. Can he do the things for which the ministry is designed? The test of a knife is not its pattern, or shape, or embellishments, but simply and solely this: Has it edge? Will it cut? It may seem a hard fact for the minister to face that neither his sense of a divine call, nor his possession of a college and seminary education,

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will guarantee him a field of labor. Practical efficiency alone will do this. Vacant pulpits everywhere are waiting for practically efficient preachers and leaders.

From Lower Pearl Field.

On last Sunday, I began a meeting at Westonia, Miss., one of the mission stations in this field, supplied by the writer this year. Bro. N. Breland came to my assistance on Sunday night and preached for us two days and helped me much. After Bro. Breland left, I continued the meeting till Thursday night. On Wednesday night we organized a church with nine members. After organization, we received two candidates for baptism, and on the following night one more. Some six or eight others professed conversion. I expect to baptize the three received for baptism tomorrow morning in Pearl River at Napoleon. This little church is composed of good material and has excellent prospects for future growth and usefulness. The Lord is blessing us in this field and the "prospects are as bright as the promises of God," but we need the sympathy and prayers of the saints.

W. M. REESE,
Missionary Lower Pearl River Field,
Napoleon, Miss., Dec. 12, 1903.

Magee's Creek.

I owe you a report of our work at Magee's Creek Church. Last Sunday closed a pastorate of ten years with Rev. J. L. Price. It was a sad parting with many of us. During this time more than one hundred persons have been baptized into the fellowship of the church. Magee's Creek is one of the oldest churches in this part of the country, having been organized in 1838.

A promise was made to pay Bro. Price two hundred dollars this year. At the suggestion of some one a collection was taken to complete the amount agreed upon, there being somewhere about forty dollars behind. Money flowed freely for a while until the collection reached fifty dollars, making a total of two hundred and seventeen dollars.

At the close of service the deacons presented the pastor with a gold medal as a token of their appreciation of his services. Thus closed a pastoral work long to be remembered by many of us.

J. D. THORNBILL,
Nome, Miss.

'T Isn't So.

I was painfully surprised a few days ago to find that a good brother thought my note about the health of Hillman College, published in THE BAPTIST recently, was suggested by the article which appeared the week before from the pen of President B. G. Lowrey in regard to some cases of sickness in Blue Mountain this session. My note was written and in the Jackson office some two days before I knew anything about Bro. B. G.'s article. Most likely I should not have written at all, if I had known about it. Last year we had some cases of sickness which gave me much

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anxiety. This year we have had none, so far, and I was so thankful for this favor of God that I felt like saying so. That was all.

JOHN L. JOHNSON,
Hillman College, Dec. 21, 1903.

From the Bryan Morning Eagle, Texas, We Clip the Following Which Will be Appreciatively Read By All Mississippians.

Rev. George B. Butler preached his first sermon as pastor of the First Baptist Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock before a very large audience. His text was from Acts xxix, 10, subject: "Why Did You send for Me?"

He began his discourse with an apostrophe of the Bible and noted its growing popularity indicated by the fact that more Bibles were sold last year than five of the most popular novels. He preached a strong sermon, outlining the three-fold duties of the minister as the pastor, the spiritual overseer and the elder, or counsellor. He also outlined the duties and obligations of the church members, and dwelt upon the mutual confidence, love and labor necessary between the church and the pastor to accomplish anything. He declared that most any kind of a little measly preacher will succeed if he is talked up, helped up and prayed up by a live congregation, while the best and biggest will fail if they are talked down, pulled down and prayed down by the church membership. Mighty few preachers, he said, are able to pull sinners to Christ over a dead congregation. The business sense of the men, the social power of the women and the consecration of all the membership, he declared, would make a church that could accomplish anything for God in Bryan.

He declared he was not here to amuse, because that is not the preacher's business; nor was he here to indulge in flights of oratory, scatter star dust and pour rose water. His business was to preach the truths of the gospel as he understood them and believed the congregation needed them, and that he would do it if he had to take the next train out of town. He would do it, he said with feeling and emphasis, if he could see the fires being kindled for his own incineration.

He said there was plenty of ability in the church for the work before it, and he was gratified at the number who had declared their willingness to serve anywhere he might desire.

Rev. Butler addressed the Anti-Cigarette League Sunday afternoon on the third commandment, and preached at night on "The Messiahship of Christ as Proven by the Scriptures."

Canton, China.

While the last quarter has been our heated term and one that we are not expected to work all the time, yet it has been one full of work for us. Early in July at the request of the mission I went to Yingtai to see about purchasing land for a mission compound for the Hak-ka mission. Now that the brethren are returning to their work we hope the land will

soon be paid for and building operations commenced. And we trust that it will not be many months till our Hak-ka missionaries are comfortably housed.

We have been so well and the conditions of the work in Canton have been such that we thought it best not to take any vacation. For two months our opportunities for preaching have been exceptionally good. The triennial examinations occur this year and there are from ten to fifteen thousand students here. Many of these have had opportunities to hear the gospel. I have preached three times a week, once to the Christians on Sunday and twice to the heathen on other days. And I have attended our two church prayer-meetings every week. One of these prayer-meetings has been largely attended by outside people. And many have come to realize what it is to worship God. Heretofore the doors have been closed during the prayer-meeting but we have thrown them open and the chapel has often been well filled with men only. There has been more or less confusion, but on the whole the experiment has been encouraging.

The Canton Theological School has opened with twelve students and we know of three of the old students that are to return. And Dr. McCloy has just sent six others down from Kwong-sai, so that our number will be as large as it was during the first part of the year. I trust that God has some chosen vessel among these.

The Lord is blessing our work and many are being baptized. Will you not all pray for us and join us in praying for more laborers from home among the Chinese?

I am, yours fraternally,
E. Z. STIMMONS.

Ministerial Education.

I have just read in THE BAPTIST the remarks of Bro. R. M. Quinn on ministerial education, and his proposition to be one of a hundred to give one hundred dollars a year to this cause. Such a fund properly administered would bring great blessing to the cause of Christ at home and abroad. Our great need just now is true men of God and equipped for the Lord's work. My own conviction is that money cannot be invested in a better cause just now than in the education of God-called young men be encouraged and helped to take a full college course, and then, if possible, a full course in Seminary. Nothing but experience will enable a man to appreciate the value of a Seminary course, and the man who has never attended the Seminary cannot know the full extent of his loss. Whoever wishes better dividends than the Standard Oil Co., has just declared (44 per cent), let him invest in ministerial education, either in helping young men directly or in gifts to the endowment of our great school of the prophets.

Yours truly,
JOHN H. EAGER.

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A Letter.

We give below some excerpts from a letter from one of the Lord's servants, which is well worth reading. Bro. A. P. Copeland, of Alton, is largely known:

"Please find inclosed money order for \$2.00 due on your paper. I am glad to congratulate you on the continued improvement of THE BAPTIST. I have been off on a long trip, of nearly 5 months, visiting my children in Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee and Mississippi. In San Antonio and Memphis theaters, saloons and balls, etc., have much larger crowds than the churches.

I now think of remaining in my study through the winter, occupied in part, preparing for evangelistic work, to begin first days of April, 1904; and continue till December following. I feel in this that it is the Lord's ordering. The pastorate is easier than the work of the evangelist, but not more important. And never has evangelism been more needed than now. Many churches need to be shaken out of their worldliness and indifference; and not a few pastors need to be aroused and moved to rub the rust off their sword. *Soul-saving* requires *soul-work*, with the whole heart and head consecrated to the service of God in the interest of fallen man. Our daily prayer ought to be that the Lord would bless the country with a great tidal wave of genuine revival.

Dear Bro., you and others can be instrumental in finding an *open door*. Too long and deep are my impressions to give the remainder of whatever of active life and energy to this as long as the Lord may be pleased to continue these to me, for me even to think of swerving from my purpose.

In my given service, I shall be satisfied with what may be voluntarily and cheerfully contributed.

While I have been preaching above forty years there are men from ten to twenty years older, doing valuable service in the ministry. Somehow I feel that there is no *dead end* for me to cross—that I may remain at my post till the Lord calls me from my *labor to rest*.

Last, but not least, I rejoice to read of the deep interest, harmony and brotherly love manifested in the gatherings of the Baptists of Mississippi this year."

Sensible Words.

I do not intend to let time go over, but forgive or neglected, as you please. Any way, I'm glad you called attention to figures last week.

I am not ready to take a back seat, do without the paper and remain in ignorance of what my brethren in Mississippi are doing, they are doing too much for that. There is too much history being made, and too much rejoicing going on for me to sit back with eyes and ears closed. And, I don't want all the good at your expense. Much obliged, Mr. President is superb, and Bro. Sibley's article, and W. D. Sibley on the Supper, are simply grand. "Was Saul lost?" is a question that will

remain a question, but the discussion is profitable, I think, so long as no one dares to answer it positively; the Scriptures do not. Yet, when I read that he had it in heart to kill David—murder—and seeing nothing to indicate that he repented; and that he killed himself—a man—it is hard for me to believe he was not lost, but I don't know. As to his being assured that he would be with Samuel the next day only raises another question—where was Samuel to be the next day? He had been called up, not down, from heaven. He was with Saul then, and would be again tomorrow. And I fail to find anything to justify a direct or definite answer to either question.

The fact that he had been anointed king does not argue that he was a renewed child of God, not at all; nor do I think that those temporary prophetic periods give anything like evidence to that effect, but I repeat, that I think it worth discussing though we can never come to a definite conclusion.

Yours for advancement, and God's glory,
J. M. GODWIN.

From Belzona.

Last Sunday was a good day for us, large congregations and two accessions by letter. Our congregations and interest have grown from time to time since I have been going to Belzona. We had a meeting of days there a month ago, the pastor was assisted by Bro. W. P. Price who did a magnificent work which is still bearing fruit.

Two were baptized at the close of the meeting and several joined by letter. We are much encouraged and full of hope and believe there is a great future for the cause at Belzona. But the poet said,

"There is never a day so sunny but a little cloud appears,
There is never a life so happy but has had its time of tears."

Mrs. Annie Bowles Ray, one of the most faithful of the faithful was taken from us since our meeting in November. Mrs. Ray was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bowles, of Belzona, the wife of Mr. Clarence Ray, of Blue Mountain, the mother of two precious little girls.

She sleeps in the cemetery at Blue Mountain. A great woman has been taken from the cause of Christ on earth. Our loss is her eternal gain.

Yours in the cause we love,

W. R. COOPER.

How I Ruined My Pop-corn Patch.

I once raised pop corn for my own consumption. On one occasion the land was rich, the seasons timely, cultivation scientific, and the seed good; but for all that my crop was a failure. Why? It had the wrong influence. I mean, it was planted too near my father's cornfield. The pollen from his tassels "flowed into" the silks of my pop-corn, and the work was done. What I gathered was a mongrel corn, good for nothing. It illustrates to me the force, as well as the danger, of wrong influences. Influence is that mysterious something in us that corresponds, in a sense

with the pollen in flowers. Strictly speaking, influence only half describes it; for relative to the party of the first part, it is exfluence, and does not become an influence until it begins to "pour into" the party of the second part. It's havoc is wrought in the party of the second, and perhaps that is a reason why we have named it as we have—*Influence*. It has been said that Germany's influence—through her institutions of learning is far more dangerous than her standing armies. I believe it is true. The direction and the character of the thought of every nation is determined by her schools. In fact, what I am today has been determined very largely by the surroundings of my life yesterday and the days before; and what I am to be tomorrow is being cast, in a large measure, in the molds of the influences that are coming my way now. "Show me your companions and I will show you what you are," says one. "I am a part of all I ever met," says another. The earth pulls the apple to it; but then science says the apple also pulls the earth to it. Every arrow that flies is effected by the earth; but then the earth is also disturbed by that same arrow. And as with the earth, and apples and arrow, so with men. I received something from the man with whom I rode yesterday that I did not have before. He effected me. But then I gave him something, I effected him. Influence is no myth. It's as real as pollen in the flowers. "No man liveth to himself," is a fact, as regards influence, whether that is what Paul meant or not. My life sometimes startles me. Wherever I go, I am constantly building up or tearing down. Nothing is lost. Indestructibility is no lie. It is written in every act of every life. Even this little squib changes the world—not all of it, but a small part of it. But that small part changes another small part and that another and so on *ad infinitum*, heaven, good or bad, leavens the whole, not by leaps and bounds but little by little. Life is eternal, so are the sermons I preach and the prayers I pray. They make destiny, but not because I am greater than my fellows. What I am doing for them they are doing for me, and what we do for each other is no special mark of superiority to each other; but an evidence that we are more than clay.

My friends to me are books. In their lives I can read the exfluence of the generations that have gone before them.

The people I see, do not have to tell me all their history. Some things are sufficient. I saw a boy last Sunday. His face is as expressionless as the biscuit I ate for my breakfast. From the standpoint of what has been "poured into" his life from his reckless father, he begins life without a chance.

I saw a young graduate last summer. He is brilliant; but a short conversation revealed the fact that what wicked teachers "poured into" him has misdirected his life. Pop-corn is not all that influence has ever ruined.

ROSIER GAVIN.

"Hearing a Sermon."

BY J. R. NUTT.

We do not read anywhere in the Bible where it says, "Take heed how you preach," but we do read, "Take heed how you hear." No one will think for a moment that the preacher is to make no preparation, but the success of the sermon depends as much upon the way one hears as it does upon the preparation. If the preacher does not make a thorough preparation as he should be is sure to be criticised by those very people who attend upon his ministry without any preparation of heart and mind whatever. They will go to church with everything else in their minds save a burning desire to get only good out of the sermon. If the preacher makes a mistake in his English they will blush and turn red in the face as if he had committed the unpardonable sin. If his tie isn't either white or black, or of some other "color" they are sure to take notice of it and have something to say about it. They seem to think that the success of his ministry depends altogether upon the style of his language and especially upon his manner of dress, when many times they haven't paid him one cent on his salary during the entire year. They think of other things, they take note of all of his mistakes, they do not hear the earnest message he has tried to bring to them, and many times he goes away like Isaiah of old, sighing deep in his soul, "Lord, who has believed our report, and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?"

It is just as necessary for the hearer to make preparation for listening to the sermon in order to get the most good out of it as it is for the preacher to make his preparation. The earnest prayer of every soul who goes to the house of God should be, "O God, teach me how to hear." With this kind of preparation of heart and mind not many sermons would miss the mark, and hardly ever would you hear it said, "It was a very good sermon, but it was so long." Those very people can go to a circus, spend all the afternoon, and never grow tired. Go to a theater the same evening and stay till midnight and say it "was simply grand." One reason why this is so is that they make preparation for going. They talk about the show and the theater for weeks before hand. If the people would only look forward to the Sunday sermon with as much pleasure as they do these other things they would shield the preacher from many unjust criticisms.

"The seeking soul has a quickened perception." The soul who wants to know the truth will have but few criticisms on the sermon. Those who hunger and thirst for Christ and His kingdom will be filled though the sermon be poor. It was a poor, uneducated man who preached the sermon away out in the country that led me to Christ, but in his earnest words there is music still that I shall never cease to hear. I went to the house of God that night with a desire in my heart to find Christ as my Savior. I had heard that

preacher criticised before, but for that sermon I had no criticisms. It revealed Christ as my Savior and Lord.

People should come to the house of God to hear the sermon with a deep desire to put into practice what they hear. They should be anxious to know God's will, and knowing it they should be serious and earnest in making God's divine will the ruling principle of their lives. The prayer of David was, "Teach me thy way, O God, and lead me in a plain path." Should not this be the prayer of all who hear God's Word? An earnest, longing desire to know God's way is the best qualification that I can think of for "hearing a sermon."

Flora, Miss.

Importance of Home Missions.

Rev. B. D. Gray, D. D., Cor. Sec. Home Mission Board:

DEAR BROTHER—I believe and have believed for years that what our Southern Baptist people do for the world must in a large measure be done through our Home Mission Board. We cannot afford to neglect our Home Board.

Many of the State Boards cannot supply their own destitution. The conclusion, therefore, is inevitable that there is an appeal for an enlargement of the work of this Board. I do not underestimate any of our forces for the world's evangelization. Certainly we cannot afford to do less for State and Foreign Missions nor for education; these need an increase of interest everywhere and by all. But I do believe with all my soul that in what we do in moulding the character and destiny of the world for the next fifteen or twenty-five years one of the mightiest factors is the Home Mission Board. As never before in all our history as a people was the need so urgent as now to rally to the support of this Board. The opportunity of tremendous responsibility and far-reaching consequences is now upon us. Oh, that God would by His Holy Spirit give us a vision of the magnitude and importance of the work.

Yours fraternally,

J. D. PITTS.

South Carolina.

Kerens, Texas.

I hand you herewith some of the "needful" place same to my credit. I enjoy your weekly visit very much.

The Mississippi "exiles" over here are doing well. It is a fact that we are all proud of, that a vast number of our leading men in Texas are Mississippians. At our recent Convention, our own Dr. B. D. Gray added many laurels to his worthy crown. He is simply "mighty." He had all the Mississippians to stand during one of his talks, and they were not a "bad looking set" either; they were a very large part of the muscle and brain of the Convention.

Perhaps a few items concerning some of the "exiles" will be of interest to your readers. So to begin at "head" I will say the "old commoner," Dr. J. B. Gambrell, is

doing the work of his long, useful life. We all are sincere in believing the Lord raised him up especially for this great work. J. H. Gambrell is doing well at Tyler. He finds time for prohibition work. E. E. King is greatly loved over here and is the happy pastor of a great church, First Church, McKinney. W. C. Lattimore, at Denton; J. W. Gillon and Luther Little at Ft. Worth; J. H. Taylor at Clarksville; G. W. Riley at Mexia; W. C. Friley at Huntsville; W. L. Skinner at Clarendon; R. L. Gillon, Winsboro; M. L. Sheppard, Mt. Vernon; E. D. Solomon, Kaufman; E. L. Wesson, Marshall; and many others are doing good service on their respective fields.

Bryan is rejoicing over the coming of Butler. Longview is in tears over Bob Merrill's leaving them to go to New Orleans. Ye scribe was called to Whitesboro but the Kerens people said: "No, we want you for all your time," and now this church joins the ranks of "full time" churches, with everything in her favor for a great future.

Love to the brotherhood,
CHAS. A. LOVELESS.

The Youth's Companion.

The gospel of good cheer brightens every page of *The Youth's Companion*. Although the paper is nearly seventy-seven years of age, it does not look back on the past as a better period than the present. *The Companion* believes that the time most full of promise is the time we are living in, and every weekly issue reflects this spirit of looking forward and not back. To more than half a million American families it carries every week its message of cheer. Its stories picture the true characteristics of the young men and women of America. Its articles bring nearly three million readers in touch with the best thought of the most famous of living men and women. Annual Announcement Number fully describing the principal features of *The Companion's* new volume for 1904 will be sent to any address free. The new subscriber for 1904 will receive all the issues of *The Companion* for the remaining weeks of 1903 free from the time of subscription, also *The Companion* Calendar for 1904, lithographed in twelve colors and gold.

We call the attention of our readers this week to the fact that J. W. Patton, of this city, bought out the interest of Mr. White in the music business formerly known as Patton & White, some time ago, and will continue same at their old stand in this city. Mr. Patton was the original owner of this business before Mr. White entered it, and is thoroughly acquainted with all its details as well as the wants and requirements of his friends and patrons. We can say without fear of ever having to retract the statement that Mr. Patton will never leave anything undone which will please those who trade with him. We therefore bespeak for him a goodly share of the patronage of our readers. When wanting anything in the music line write to him for catalogues and prices.

Ministerial Consecration and Support.

ELD. W. H. GIDDENS.

The Scriptures teach us that when God calls a man into his ministry to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, these men who are called of God should give themselves wholly to the Master's cause and work. They being called of him to preach the Gospel they should go forward and preach the Word boldly and fearlessly, at the same time go forth as harmless as doves and as wise as serpents. Their life work should be fully consecrated to this one object only. The man that God calls to preach the Gospel of His Son need not expect to have or accumulate much, if any, of this world's perishable goods. But he looks up from the depths of his soul and says—

My home, my reward is bright and fair,
No preacher suffering, riding in the cold there.
While I am here, a stranger far from home,
Waves of affliction may around me foam.

Yes, brother, this is the way that the hungry preacher often feels when he is drifting through the cold bleak winds, through sleet, ice and snow, to fill his appointment, but through it he must go.

Oh brother, sister, if you could but go with him a few times you would better appreciate him for the very work's sake; then you would sympathize with him, and see why you should be at the meeting house at that time. The obligation and responsibility is no less of the pew than of the pulpit. Now we have spoken briefly and touched ministerial consecration; but there is something else in connection with his work. The Scriptures teach us plainly that when God calls men to preach His Gospel and makes them fishers of men, He (God) says the laborer is worthy of his hire. You know what He means? Why, brother, sister, it means that we, the members of His church, should support the preacher. He should live of the Gospel. A great many preachers today are suffering for the necessities of life in their homes. It is too often the case that our pastors have to engage in other occupations than that of the ministry to obtain a support. Especially it is so with our country pastors, and the church that is negligent in this matter is not obeying the will and commands of the Master, and do not recognize the injunction that they that preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel. I say this is a shame, brethren. Listen to this: Your solemn obligations. Having been lead, as we believe by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God and the angels and this assembly most solemnly and joyfully enter into a covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love, to strive for the advancement of the church in knowledge, holiness and comfort to promote its prosperity and spirituality, to sustain its worship, ordinances, discip-

line, to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the relief of the poor and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

Now brethren, this is our church obligation, so if you neglect to support the ministry you see what you do. That support comes first, the others follow. May God help you to support your preacher.

Now brethren, I will say in conclusion, that the Baptists all over the State should subscribe for THE BAPTIST the coming year and thereby sustain it and make it a better paper.

Kosciusko.

Tides of the Sea.

"If it was your fortune during the summer to spend a few days upon the shore of some bay or arm of the sea probably you were impressed as never before with the majestic and rhythmic flow of the tides. Twice a day millions upon millions of tons of water pour into the bay from the ocean, and the coming of the tide transforms the whole outlook, the flats are covered, there is no unsightly margin between the rim of the water and the pebbly beach. It is high tide, and all that implies. Sometimes, as you watch the ebb and flow of the waters you wonder whether similar tides do not run through all life and history. Shakespeare speaks of 'the tide in the affairs of men, which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune.' Sometimes in the experience of the individual and in the life of the nation it is low tide. The flats are too evident, and slimy ooze takes the place of smiling waters, but-wise men instead of lamenting the present believe that in a little while high tide will come again, and they have the good cheer and hope that come from the conviction that the face of the whole bay will be changed, and that the boat they cannot by main strength drag from the beach into the waters, will be lifted and floated without any effort on their part."

The Christmas recess of Elizabeth College is on this week. The students have completed their examinations and looking forward with fond anticipations to the pleasures of the holidays. A large number of students have left for their homes. Many of those living in remote States will spend their holidays at the college. There are fourteen States represented in the student body the present session; several northern and western States among the number. The present session is the most successful in the history of the college. The advanced standard of the college has won general appreciation from a discriminating public. The Gerard Conservatory of Music gave a closing recital by the advanced students on the 4th. A large audience was present, and the fine work of the performers deservedly secured for them high praise. The Conservatory has grown steadily in efficiency and influence, and is recognized as one of the leading music schools of the South. The Christmas recess ends January 4th, and the second term begins January 22nd.

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Rev. J. S. Felix, of Kentucky, died suddenly of apoplexy on the 15th inst. He was nearly 53 years of age, and was numbered among our strong men.

Rev. T. C. Schilling's field for next year will be Summit and East Fork, with time equally divided between the two places and residence at Magnolia.

The church at Holly Springs has called Bro. W. N. Swain, its present pastor, for 1904 on full time, and have domiciled him in the pastor's home recently bought. It is a brick building of seven rooms, and stands on a two and one-half acre lot in a desirable part of town. Pastor Swain is very hopeful of the work at Holly Springs.

Bryan, Texas.

Please send THE BAPTIST to me here. Bryan is a beautiful little city of 6,000 inhabitants with the State A. & M. College and an independent boys' academy located here. The Bryan church is one of the strongest in the State and its Sunday School is one of the best in the South. The people have received us cordially and we are well pleased and trust by God's Spirit to do a good work here.

The Natchez Church is fortunate in procuring the services of Rev. E. F. Lyon, of Louisiana. He is a scholar and has fine pulpit and pastoral qualifications.

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They have had during the last few days, in addition to the positions they have filled, an average of one application each day for book-keepers and stenographers that they could not fill. These positions pay from \$50 to \$75 a month. If there are any doubting Thomases, let them read what the students say:

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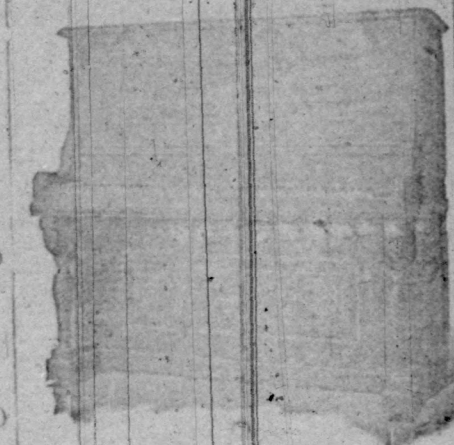
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To all those who have lent me assistance, and they are many, during these five years, I acknowledge myself especially indebted and return my heartiest thanks. To one and all, my brethren and sisters in the work, as editor of this department, I bid an affectionate farewell.

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Anna Maria Abraham was born near Richmond, Va., September 24, 1828. Peacefully she fell asleep just before the midnight hour, December 8, 1903. She was married June 27, 1850, to Christopher Johnson and soon afterward came with him to Mississippi. He was a Baptist minister of good ability. He preceded her in death by many years, leaving her with a large family to rear. To them were born eight children, four of whom are on the other side of the River and four on this side. The surviving ones are John Hunter Johnson, Mrs. E. B. Comfort, Mrs. M. E. Thompson and Mrs. Joe Duvall, all of Jackson.

In early life she united with the Baptist church where she retained her membership till called to be present in "the general assembly and church of the First Born."

Her life, extending over three quarters of a century, was one of varied experiences. She had tasted the bitter and the sweet; she knew what it meant to be in the sunshine and in the shadows; she had learned to rejoice and to suffer according to the will of God.

Her children have the consolation of having been present in her last illness to minister to her sufferings and though they walk through the valley of shadows they have the assurance from God's Word that sorrow's ministries are often the richest heritage of God's children. They did all that hands and heart could do to stay the hand of death which had been laid upon the devoted mother, but

"She saw a hand they could not see,
Which beckoned her away;
She heard a voice they could not hear
Which would not let her stay."

The frosts of autumn are here, the storms of winter are near, but not for her. She is beyond the frost-chain and the storm-cloud. "Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Pastor.

Married.

Brown-Barefield.

Mr. Nelson Page Brown and Miss Annie Lucile Barefield were united in marriage at the home of the bride's mother, Hollandale, Miss., December 17th, 1903, L. F. Gregory officiating.

Never lose an opportunity of seeing anything beautiful. Welcome it in every fair face, every fair sky, every fair flower, and thank Him for it who is the fountain of all loveliness, and drink it simply and earnestly with all your eyes; it is a charmed draught, a cup of blessing.—Charles Kingsley.

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